



Meeting Thursdays 12.30 for 12.50pm at North Leagues Club, Abbot St Cammeray. ISSUE NO 3929 Thursday 31st August 2017

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President Silvio Gmur

### President's Column

MEMO TO ALL MEMBERS:

Find applicants for RYLA 2018

**(Rotary Youth Leadership Award) January 7 -13, 2018. – Spread the word!**

RYLA is recognized as one of the iconic programs that Rotary has to offer for young Australians who aspire to experience a true character building and leadership experience.

**This 7 day residential program at Elanora Heights on the Northern Beaches is for those aged 18 to 27 years and at least one year out of school.**

The successful applicant will be fully funded by The North Sydney Rotary Club for the entire week of this wonderful experience. Applicants can be young leaders in the work force with an interest in leadership and management from Community Groups, Sporting Clubs, Tertiary Institutions, Church Groups etc., and they must be available for the entire week in January of the New Year.

Applicants can learn further information on <http://rotarydistrict9685.org.au> if they wish, but they will need to be interviewed and sponsored by the Rotary Club to participate. Successful applications must be lodged by mid-October. **Our Youth Service Director Peter Lulic is looking forward to receiving your leads.**

### **This Week's Speaker: Alex Carpenter "ATMA IMMERSIVE JOURNEYS"**

**ATMA** is a not for profit travel company. The goal is to help local communities to create and run journeys through their own country and culture. Presently the objective is to create itineraries in Malawi and Indonesia followed by doing so all over the world.

Alex describes himself as a serial entrepreneur. His previously worked with the Indian Mann Deshi Foundation over a period of 3 years, organizing the donation of 100 bicycles for the underprivileged to help them out of poverty by increasing their access to education, clean water and health care.

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## LAST WEEKS SPEAKER: PP DENIS BOOTH. “THE RISE AND FALL OF THE BANK MANAGER”

We were privileged to hear “first hand” from PP Denis Booth on his remarkable 45 years in the banking industry in Sydney with the National Bank of Australia.

His address to the club was an innovative interview style presentation with interviewer Rotarian Jiji Lee.

Denis began his banking career in North Sydney at the ripe young age of 15 years in the position of Junior Clerk. After 18 months in this position he was promoted to a Sydney City branch and from where; over time he had no less than an astonishing 36 promotions. His first Branch Manager’s position was in 1978 in Forestville and we would say that Denis never looked back. Over the years he moved from the City to North Sydney and back, including the opening of a commercial branch at North Point in North Sydney. He shared with us the evolution of the bank managers role over time. Not too many years ago we knew the bank manager personally who attended to our financials requirements for loans, mortgages and the like. Computerization has replaced the personal touch and we are the poorer for it.

Denis recounted many compelling personal experiences, including the time his branch at City Tatts was robbed!

Congratulations and thanks Denis “the epitome of a Great Bank Manager” for a memorable talk.



PP Denis Booth being interviewed  
by Jiji Lee

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**HONORARY MEMBER JILLY GIBSON’S WILL SEEK RE-ELECTION AS MAYOR OF NORTH SYDNEY. HER CAMPAIGN IS SELF FUNDED AND JILLY WILL APPRECIATE IF ANY OF US ARE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER AT POLLING BOOTHS TO HAND OUT HOW TO VOTE PAMPHLETS ON SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2017.**



**JILLY  
GIBSON**  
Mayor of North Sydney

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SEPTEMBER 9, 2017  
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## Club Meetings & Events

Date	Subject	
31-Aug-17	Alex Carpenter	ATMA Immersive Journeys
7-Sept-17	To be advised	
9-Sept-17	North Sydney Council Elections Volunteers for Jilly Gibson	Our Hon Member, Mayor of North Sydney Jilly Gibson requires volunteers!
14-Sept-17	To be advised	
16-Sept-17	Crows Nest Markets	Come along and check out our club's fund raiser activity!
21-Sept-17	Ian Mutton	Sydney Harbour HighLine
28-Sept-17	No Meeting Today	No meeting every last Thursday of each month!
15-Nov-17	2017 North Shore Local Business Awards	

Date	Birthdays	Date	Anniversaries
13-Sep-17	Ross Waugh		
14-Aug-17	Jenny Thomas	10-Sep-17	Peter & Millie Lulic
25-Sep-17	Kevin Thomas		
29-Sept-17	John Taylor		

### Visitors & Apologies for 24th August 2017

**Visitors:** Nil

**Apologies:** Wilfred Chee Tammy Chu David Field Peter Lulic Malcolm Nicklin Sam Lee  
Jeff McDougall Geoff Pritchard Brendan Walsh John Taylor

### Date Front Desk & Room Set Up Attendance Required from 12:00pm

31<sup>st</sup> August Jeff McDougall & Tony d'Arbon

7th September Philip Brook & John Taylor

14th September Peter Lulic & Tammy Chu

21st September Ross Waugh & Denis Booth

28th September NO MEETING

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**Humour by Geoff Prichard**

It was April and the Aboriginals in a remote part of Northern Australia asked their new elder if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild.

Since he was an elder in a modern community he had never been taught the old secrets. When he looked at the sky he couldn't tell what the winter was going to be like.

Nevertheless, to be on the safe side, he told his tribe that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the tribe should collect firewood to be prepared.

But being a practical leader, after several days he had an idea.

He walked out to the telephone booth on the highway, called the Bureau of Meteorology and asked, 'Is the coming winter in this area going to be cold?'

The meteorologist responded, 'It looks like this winter is going to be quite cold.'

So the elder went back to his people and told them to collect even more wood in order to be prepared.

A week later he called the Bureau of Meteorology again. 'Does it still look like it is going to be a very cold winter?'

The meteorologist again replied, 'Yes, it's going to be a very cold winter.'

The elder again went back to his community and ordered them to collect every scrap of firewood they could find.

Two weeks later the elder called the Bureau again. 'Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?' he asked.

'Absolutely,' the man replied. 'It's looking more and more like it is going to be one of the coldest winters ever.'

'How can you be so sure?' the elder asked.

The weatherman replied, 'Our satellites have reported that the Aboriginals in the north are collecting firewood like crazy, and that's always a sure sign.'